

HALL DISCARDED CHURCH DRESS NIGHT OF MURDER; MILLS, WIFE QUARRELLED

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my wife returned and added the frank statement of the choir singer's preference for the minister, Mr. Mills, the neighbor said, walked into another room and slammed the door behind him.

"I'm terribly unhappy and dissatisfied here," Mrs. Mills told Miss Opie in half apology. "I have not to go away." She said she thought of going to an Episcopal retreat of which Mr. Hall had told her for a long rest.

Miss Opie also added to the information regarding the anxiety of the Rev. Mr. Hall to get a divorce. Mrs. Mills on the afternoon before they left their homes. Miss Opie says she could not possibly have mistaken the voice of the Rev. Mr. Hall when he asked her to get Mrs. Mills on the telephone at 3 o'clock, telling her the matter was very urgent. He seemed much agitated.

"I did not like their using my telephone that way," said Miss Opie, "but I could not very well refuse. Their affair was common gossip in the neighborhood, and I have for months predicted it could end in a disastrous scandal. I did not want my home to be mixed up with it."

"But he seemed so anxious that I did not hesitate to call out of my window several times at the Mills' windows. There was no answer. Later, about 7:30, I saw Charlotte on the street and asked her where her mother was. She said her mother had gone over to the church to leave some clippings and notices on the rectory's desk."

"Mrs. Mills came up just then. She was wearing a brand new dress that I had helped her make. It was of light Swiss batiste trimmed with red ribbons which Mr. Hall had given her, left over from the wrapping of the gifts on last year's Christmas tree at the church. She asked me how I liked the dress and said she thought herself it was 'too giddy' for her."

"I told her of the message and she nodded as though she had already heard about it and said 'I know what that was.' Then she walked off toward the street-car line on George Street playing with a nickel she had in her hand. She told Charlotte not to go with her. I did not see her again."

Miss Opie says Mrs. Mills declined an invitation to go into the house and telephone, and believes that the sexton's wife wanted to telephone from a place where her relations with the minister were not so well known and would not be overheard in the Blatz grocery.

Mills has insisted all along that his wife was "not dressed up" when she left her home, but had on an old dress and her second best shoes, which were rather shabby. The dress described by Miss Opie was on the body when found, but it was so torn and stained that the authorities did not realize it was a dress she had worn for the first time.

During the examination detectives were constantly being sent to the home of Mills to compare his statements with those of his daughter Charlotte without giving the two a chance to compare notes.

The most thorough questioning of scores of persons who were on the streets near the rectory of St. John the Evangelist a week ago Thursday evening has not disclosed any one who saw the Rev. Mr. Hall when he went out of his front door, presumably to keep an appointment with Mrs. Mills.

On George Street, through which the Rev. Mr. Hall would have passed going to the Mills home, where his wife reports he said he was going, there were many persons sitting on front porches and doorsteps. Not one of them remembers having seen the rectory pass. This may be due to the fact that the minister was not wearing his clerical collar or customary black, a circumstance which has only to-day been noted as significant by the authorities.

Prosecutor Stricker believes that something happened in the Hall home that evening which made necessary immediate action in the plan of the Rev. Mr. Hall to abandon the pretense of secrecy in his relations with the choir singer and clope with her to Japan. It is not yet clear if he knew that his preparations for flight in laying aside money and winding up the affairs of his pastorate had been discovered or if he had learned he had been spied upon, not only by his eccentric brother-in-law, Willie Stevens (who had been his business partner), but also by an employee about the place not noted in the community for a nice sense of honor.

Mr. Stricker now believes that the Rev. Mr. Hall did not go from his home directly to Nicolli Avenue, on which it faces, but went around the house and through a side path to Redmond Street, which is quiet and not so well lighted. He wore a light suit, a low-rolled collar buttoned in front, and a four-in-hand white tie. Going through Redmond Street to Throop Avenue he was on the trolley line which ends at Buechle Park, where he had frequently been seen sitting on a secluded bench with Mrs. Hall.

Motorman John Meany, of the pay-as-you-enter local car which travels between the park terminal and the city, remembers very clearly that Mrs. Mills boarded his car a little after 3 o'clock. The only other passengers when the car passed out of the closely populated part of town was Thomas Coyne, another motorman, and his little girl. Mrs. Mills talked to Coyne's little girl and petted her and also talked with Coyne, whom she had known since they were children.

Mrs. Mills got off at the end of the line and walked at a leisurely pace into the park toward the bench in the overgrown. Had she hurried, the authorities deduce, it would indicate that the rectory was already at the meeting place waiting for her.

The next car was a big through car

MILLER'S SLATE, OR NO MILLER, IS HIS ULTIMATUM

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sity, be behind him. Mr. Koenig meant by this that the delegates to the Miller convention would vote as the exigencies of the case required.

Word had been passed to Koenig that almost anybody would be accepted on the slate of Nate except Lyons. No reason is given for the elimination of Lyons except that he was not on the ticket.

Gov. Miller was brought in the interest both of Lyons and the ticket in general. It was then that the Governor made it clear to the leaders of the Republican Party that Lyons and Newton and all others must be subservient to Gov. Miller.

The Chief Executive had intended to spend the rest of the month at his summer home at Lake George, but in the final analysis agreed with the leaders that he could spend the closing hours leading up to the convention with more profit to himself and his party by remaining in Albany.

Up to an early hour this morning it was apparent that Gov. Miller's programme had won and that there would be no necessity of his retiring from the head of the ticket. To those who have been close observers there never was any fear of his refusing to accept the nomination for Governor.

The Governor is the life and embodiment of the Republican Party so far as the State is concerned. Notwithstanding his statement of yesterday that he would not be standard bearer unless he was assured that his running mates would be men who would work in co-operation with him in his policies, nobody in Albany believes for one moment that he will not be at the top of the ticket.

The Governor is not only the leader of the State ticket but he is the whole works of the party in New York. United States Senator Calder came up early yesterday afternoon to see the Governor and so did Ogden Mills, New York City's leader. Neither had an appointment with the Chief Executive and neither had any doubt he could jump into a cab and go right

from Perth Amboy, with a motorman and conductor. It was crowded with passengers and pretty well out of town. The conductor and motorman were Perth Amboy men and did not know the Rev. Mr. Hall. In his informal dress there was nothing to have distinguished him as a clergyman, and while Mr. Stricker believes the Rev. Mr. Hall was on that car, he has little hope of being able to prove it.

The re-examination of the clothing which waked the authorities up to the significance of the semi-disguise affected by the Rev. Mr. Hall when he left his home for the last time was due to an effort to retrieve some of the neglect regarding the autopsy and observation of the bodies of the minister and the singer when their bodies were found. It has been established to the satisfaction of Mr. Stricker and Prosecutor Beekman that, in spite of their previous guesses to the contrary, the trousers were committed on the spot where the bodies were found.

The minister wore a stiff bosomed spotted white shirt. It is not believed he could have been dragged or carried, after being shot through the head, without muzzling or staining that garment. The conviction is supported by the finding of three pistol shells which apparently fell where they dropped after being automatically ejected. These shells have heretofore been explained by Assistant Prosecutor Toolan and Mr. Beekman as representing bullets which were fired into the murder victims after they had been killed. The condition of Mr. Hall's clothing, however, has disposed of this charge upon the slayers of particularly vicious rectory.

The explanation put forward by intimate friends of Mrs. Hall that the minister was silently kidnapped just outside his front door and thrown into a closed car to be taken to his death, is not seriously considered by the official investigators.

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out to the Executive Mansion and demand an audience, but both found Gov. Miller so busy with the affairs of state that they could not approach him.

All night long Albany waited for the appearance of "Wild Bill" Donovan, former Colonel of the old 5th Regiment, but the Colonel failed to show up. If there is one man in the world that the Governor wants on the ticket, it is Col. Donovan, and the rest of the party leaders back his views. They believe that "Wild Bill" will lend a world of strength to the ticket.

Fred Greiner, the boss of Erie, showed up at the Hotel Ten Eyck, but he couldn't tell where the "fighting" Donovan was or whether he was going to show up in Albany. Col. Donovan shows about as much inclination to run for Lieutenant Governor as Gov. Miller did to run for the top office two years ago.

As a matter of fact, Col. Bill has no hankering for the office. He has made no reservation in Albany so far as can be learned, and if the party leaders are looking to him for a whoop-up of enthusiasm, they may be disappointed.

Secretary of State Jack Lyons was much in evidence, and his only answer to all inquiries was that he expected to be nominated to succeed himself. Up to an early hour this morning the result of the meeting of the New York County Committee was awaited, but no report came.

Gov. Miller's leaders were looking forward to it with great expectancy. It was thought here that the Governor's declaration that he would not run unless all the candidates were acceptable to him would bar the name of Lyons, endorsed by the New York committee, but all through the night and the early morning hours no word came from Manhattan.

To-day the delegates from Manhattan, Kings, Queens, the Bronx and Richmond will reach Albany and there will be a lot of Lyons boosters in the groups. Independent of the leaders who will bend their necks to the Miller yoke, there are a number that will vote for Lyons and yell for Lyons and vote for Lyons.

From up-State there will come boosters for Attorney General Newton and important leaders will espouse his cause.

But Gov. Miller has laid down his foot—the Miller slate against the field. The demand is Miller for Governor, and if the Governor doesn't want Newton, Lyons or anybody else on the ticket, it looks as if they wouldn't be at it.

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